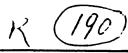
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> Karame seemed unworried. Like Port Captain Baddura he pointed out such ships (of which there are nearly 200) merely carry Lebanese flag for convenience and that ownership is non-Lebanese. He said he would so indicate if questioned publicly on subject.

> > **MEYER**

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